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In re Application of : Ralph H. Johnson : Docket No. V637-02671-US

Serial No. : 10/026,044 : Art Unit No. 2828

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Invention Title : Indium free vertical cavity surface emitting laser

**REPLY AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.112)**

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March 3, 2003

Sir:

In response to the first Official Action dated 12/3/02, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following Amendment into the above-captioned patent application and reconsideration and further examination of the newly amended claims as herein presented. Each of the amendments finds full support in the original claims, specification, and drawings as filed.